

OLSM Newsletter

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Bank Holiday Monday

Next Monday the 5th of May is the Bank Holiday Monday for May Day.

The school will be closed on this day. The children will return on Tuesday 6th May 2025.

VE 80 celebration Day

The school will hold its celebration of VE day 80 on Thursday 8th May.

On this day we ask that the child wear non uniform, with clothing being either red, white or blue.

School staff will prepare lots of VE themed activities on this day to make it a day to remember.

Year 4 swimming

The year 4 class swimming lessons continue on Tuesday 6th May 2025. The leisure centre recommend that children bring the following items to their swimming lesson.

- One-piece Swimming costume or Swimming shorts (must be above the knee). Towel. Hair band or swimming hat (long hair must be tied back). Goggles (if they choose). Children must remove all jewellery before they swim, i.e. watches, stud earrings.

Please can the children wear their PE kit/jogging bottoms to school, to allow them to get changed more easily.

School clubs

All school clubs have restarted.

Lower phase book club – Tuesdays 12.30-1.00 pm. Upper Phase book club – Fridays 1.00 – 1.30 pm.

No Football club next week due to the Bank Holiday.

Netball club Tuesdays 3.30- 4.30 Year 4, 5 and 6.

Running club Wednesday 3.30-4.30 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Dates for your diary

National personalised diagnostic assessments for years 2-6 week beginning Monday 12th May.

Scholastic book fayre – week beginning 2nd June 2025

Sports Day option 1 - 17th June 2025, 10.00-12 (midday). Family picnic afterwards until 1.00pm

Sports Day option 2 - (if bad weather on first date) Thursday 19th June 2025.

Summer fayre - 4th July 2025 after school.

Contacting school/teachers

There will be times when you need to pass information on to teachers. Messages can be passed on via the school office but below you will also find a list of teacher email addresses. Please beware that teachers will only respond to emails during school-working hours 8.30-5.00pm Monday – Friday and then only when not teaching. If a message is urgent. please always contact the school office.

Reception class. Mrs Elias- EliasS5@Hwbcymru.net

Year 1 class. Mrs Flynn- flynnj41@hwbcymru.net

Year 2 class. Mrs Dunlop- dunlopa14@Hwbcymru.net

Year 3 class. Miss Farr- FarrR12@Hwbcymru.net

Year 4 class Mrs Rose- RoseM10@Hwbcymru.net

Year 5 class. Mr Fuchs- fuchss6@hwbcymru.net

Year 6 class Miss McCarthy- McCarthyM22@Hwbcymru.net

Mr Evans- evansv36@monmouthshireschools.wales **please note the new email address.**

Additional Needs Co-ordinator - Miss Everett- EverettJ11@Hwbcymru.net

School office - OLSM.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales **please note the new email address.**

Friends of OLSM PTA

Many thanks to those parents/carers who were able to attend yesterday's PTA meeting. Accompanying this week's newsletter is an information sheet from the PTA outlining the amounts that have been raised over recent events. Additional information on how the money has been spent or is being used will be sent out shortly.

Year 6 Growing up talk

Year 6 parents and carers are invited to chat with and discuss the 'Growing Up' resources that are used to support the year 6 children by the school nurse, on Tuesday 3rd June at 3.00 pm in the year 6 class. The digital resource that is used with the class will be shared and family members will be able to ask questions prior to the resource being used with the class.

New Reception parents/carers for September 25 meeting

Next week, an email will be sent out with information regarding the New Reception parent/carer meeting on Thursday 6th June from 5.00 pm. Additionally, this year we are able to provide an opportunity to attend 'talk with me' language development engagement sessions, before the children start in September. This will be on a first come, first served basis, for 8 parents/carers. Again, more information will be shared next week.

Understanding what digital resources your child views.

We are increasingly learning that children in our school, play online games or are accessing social media which is classified as too old for them.

Social media such as 'WhatsApp' should only be used by children 13 years and over. If your child uses this, please ensure you monitor their use.

Digital computer games or online games such as Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto and other similar games are rated 18 for a reason and contain a variety of very adult content which includes, extreme sexual violence, vulgar language and other content that is certainly not suitable for primary or even younger high school aged children. It is vitally important that parents and carers are fully aware of the content that their child/children are engaging with and the potential negative impact this could have on your child's wellbeing and potential behaviour.

The following resource is designed to support parent/carers in appreciating the suitability of app/resources that children may access.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

Term dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	Half term start	Half term end	Term End
Autumn	02/09/2024	28/10/2024	01/11/2024	20/12/2024
Spring	06/01/2025	24/02/2025	28/02/2025	11/04/2025
Summer	28/04/2025	26/05/2025	30/05/2025	21/07/2025

24/25 INSET days.

27th June 2025,
21st July 2025.

CAR PARK –

Please be aware that infringement of safe driving rules, repeated parking offences or aggression/abuse of school and church staff, will mean parking permits will be revoked/ logging of offences with the police and bans from attendance on the school/parish grounds.

Parish information.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES – At 8am, 10am and 6pm in OLSM Church. Children's liturgy operates at the 10am Mass. All welcome.

St. Michaels Centre - is available for booking for family events and functions, such as children's parties etc. Info available at www.stmichaelcentre.org.uk or 01873 857570.
Or e-mail to saintmichaelscen@outlook.com

CWTCH ANGELS – COMMUNITY SHOP, at Hatherleigh, near Homemakers, off Union Rd West, with food items and household items for families in need. They have a lot of good food, baby equipment, clothes and other essentials all free. A small donation can be given but is not expected. No documents e.g. for benefits are required. Open weekdays 11.30 to 2.30 and on Sat and Sun between 10 and 12 tel 07982435560

LIVE-STREAMING - All services from Church continue to be live streamed on the parish website, in particular our Sunday masses at 8am, 10am and 6pm www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER – every day, apart from Saturday, at 5pm on both the parish Facebook page and the parish website - www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch

Organ recital – Saturday 10th May at 1 pm at OLSM church. An organ recital by Nigel Morris from St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham.